

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 34. (Canceled)

35. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus,
comprising:

a transmission unit that transmits device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception unit that receives, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by said transmission unit;

a first display unit that displays icons respectively corresponding to a device of the device information received as the search results by said reception unit;

a second display unit that displays a map which represents a layout of a location in a first hierarchy;

an acquisition unit that acquires, as an icon displayed by said first display unit is shifted onto the map displayed by said second display unit, coordinate information representing the location of the icon on the map, first location information in the first hierarchy represented by the map, and second location information in a second hierarchy

superior to the first hierarchy ~~which information is made correspondent to~~ and registered into the map; and

a registration unit that registers the coordinate information, the first location information and the second location information which are acquired by said acquisition unit, to the device.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

a transmitting step of transmitting device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception step of receiving, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by the transmitting step;

a first display step of displaying icons respectively corresponding to a device of the device information received as the search results by the reception step;

a second display step of displaying a map which represents a layout of a location in a first hierarchy;

an acquisition step of acquiring , as an icon displayed by said first display step is shifted onto the map displayed by said second display step, coordinate information representing the location of the icon on the map, first location information in the first hierarchy represented by the map, and second location information in a second hierarchy

superior to the first hierarchy ~~which information is made correspondent to~~ and registered into the map; and

a registration step of registering the coordinate information, the first location information and the second location information which are acquired by said acquisition step, to the device.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium on which are stored program codes, which when executed by a computer, cause the computer to perform [[for]] an information processing method, the method comprising the steps of:

a transmitting step of transmitting device attribute information input by a user to search for a desired device;

a reception step of receiving, as search results, device information of at least one device satisfying the device attribute information transmitted by the transmitting step;

a first display step of displaying icons respectively corresponding a device of the device information received as the search results by the reception step;

a second display step of displaying a map which represents a layout of a location in a first hierarchy;

an acquisition step of acquiring , as an icon displayed by said first display step is shifted onto the map displayed by said second display step, coordinate information representing the location of the icon on the map, first location information in the first

hierarchy represented by the map, and second location information in a second hierarchy superior to the first hierarchy ~~which information is made correspondent to~~ and registered into the map; and

a registration step of registering the coordinate information, the first location information and the second location information which are acquired by said acquisition step, to the device.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, further comprising a holding unit that holds respective map data of the first and second hierarchies.

42. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein said first display unit discriminably displays whether or not the first and second location information has been registered for each device.

43. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein

said first display unit displays the icon of the device, from among the devices, for which the first and second location information has been registered, at a predetermined location on the map, and

said first display unit displays the icon of the device, from among the devices, for which the first and second location information is not registered, at a predetermined location other than on the map.

44. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 43, wherein the predetermined location on the map where the icon of the device is displayed is determined based on the first and second location information of said device.

45. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 43, further comprising a change unit that changes, according to the icon displayed at the predetermined location on the map being shifted, the first and second location information of the device corresponding to said icon based on the shifted location on the map.

46. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to Claim 35, wherein the device is any one of a printer, a scanner, a copying machine and a facsimile machine.